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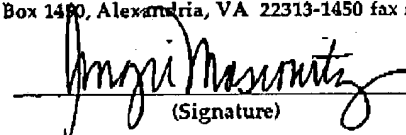
For: RECYCLABLE, RUBBER-LIKE THERMOPLASTIC BACKING  
MATERIAL USED IN A THROW-IN MAT FOR A VEHICLE FLOOR

Attorney Docket No.: 3707 (LC 0101 PUS)

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Madam:

This paper responds to the Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed January 7, 2004. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three-month time period set for a response. The Applicants will address all the points raised by the Examiner and demonstrate that the present invention is patentable. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: